## The Lamplighter

A Newsletter of Community Presbyterian Church

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# COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



To Believe, To Belong, To Serve

APRIL 2018

#### Living in the Power of the Resurrection

April I is Easter, the day on which we celebrate that Christ rose from the grave, death is defeated, and that we are invited into a new and transformed life with God. As we read Luke's account of the resurrection in Chapter 24, what sticks out to me is the flip of perspective that all the characters have in the story as they discover and come to terms with what has happened with Jesus and the empty tomb. The women who arrive first go from **perplexed** to **convinced** enough to share the news with the other disciples. The disciples are **skeptical** of what the women tell them, but then Peter is **amazed** at what had happened when he sees it for himself.

As we celebrate and reflect on the resurrection this Easter season, I invite us to ask ourselves where we are on that spectrum in relation to the risen Lord of perplexed, skeptical, convinced or amazed. This is a church that is welcoming and nurturing to people at all those different places of a spiritual journey. You are part of this body of Christ whether you are confused by the resurrection or amazed by it. You are one of us whether you are skeptical or convinced. We are not static, but dynamic in how we move between those reactions.

No matter how we feel or think about the resurrection, my hope and prayer for us is that we are open to how the power of God working through that event and that story is also working in us, for us, and through us. In April, we are transitioning from reading Luke to reading the book of Acts, which is part two of Luke's narrative. In Acts, we see the power of the resurrection at work through the movement of the Holy Spirit in the lives and community and mission of the early church. We wouldn't have Acts if it weren't for the catalytic power of Jesus rising from the dead that gets the disciples moving on the mission Jesus has for them.

So how is God's power that raised Jesus from the dead at work in us? I want to leave that question open-ended for us to reflect on and grow into as we read, preach, and learn from the Acts of the Apostles. May we all pray that the power of the resurrection brings new life into our own lives and into the shared community that make this church what it is. May we pray and hope and work towards the goal of the power of the resurrection catalyzing our participation in and partnership with God's mission to the city of Redmond and to the world. Let us live in the power of the resurrection!

In Christ, Rev. Andrew Hoeksema

#### A New Phase of Life: Blooming of Ourselves

All women are invited to a brunch on Saturday, **April 21**, from **10:30** am to **2:00** pm in Teddy's Hall. The Rev. Kristen Hamilton-Sutherland will lead us with some things to think about concerning renewal of ourselves. The brunch will be provided by Bleu Bite Catering from Bend and will include: cheesy scrambled eggs with spinach, French toast casserole, bacon and sausage, fresh fruit salad & savory assorted biscuits- so don't be late! This will be a great time for fun, fellowship, prizes and getting to know other women better. The cost is only \$10 per person, paid at the door. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to reserve your meal.

#### Men's Monthly Breakfast



Our purpose is to inform our membership and to become better acquainted with the men and women in our congregation and community.

April 4 - 8am: This month's Men's Breakfast will focus on the hungry and homeless in Redmond.

All are welcome to attend and hear from Irv Nygren and Bob Troutman as they update us on the need in our community currently being supported by Jericho Road and Jericho Table.

May 2 - 8am: Back by popular demand, will be *The Rest of the Story* (as Paul Harvey would say) which Jack Nelson will complete some of the most interesting of the stories on being a pilot that he was not able to share in the March meeting.

The breakfasts begin at 8am in Teddy's Hall. The cost is \$5. Please sign up in the narthex.

Men's Breakfast Committee:

Rocky Johnson, Spike Biggers, Rick Hoffman, Richard Lance, Craig Dennis and Thom Myers.



## A Good Man Asks Why – A Study of the Book of Job

The book of Job so fascinated John Calvin that 159 of his 700 sermons centered on it. History since Calvin has only increased the urgency of the issues found in this book. William Safire summarized the legacy of Job in his book, *The First Dissident*:

"If the Book of Job reaches across two and a half millennia to teach anything to men and women who consider themselves normal, decent human beings, it is this: Human beings are sure to wander in ignorance and to fall into error, and it is better — more righteous in the eyes of God — for them to react by questioning rather than accepting. Confronted with inexplicable injustice, it is better to be irate than resigned."

Safire says about Job, "I started my journey into this book with doubt in my faith and have come out with faith in my doubt."

Join us in the Mountain Room on **Sunday** mornings at **9:30am beginning April 8** for an 8-week study of this amazing book.

#### **Men's Evening Group**

The Men's Group is doing a book by book bible study, starting with the book of James. This is an open discussion and open format study. The group meets at Jeff Kardy's, home 328 Parks Loop, Eagle Crest, on the **third Thursday** of each month at **7:00 pm**. Please join us!

#### **Planning for our Future**

King David wanted to leave a legacy gift at his death which would help his people and his son, Solomon, in their efforts to build the future temple. He prayed "who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you . . . all of this abundance we have provided for building you a temple for your holy name, comes from your hand, and it belongs to you." (I Chronicles 29:14-16)

Would you like to follow in David's path? Consider setting aside the early Sunday afternoon of **April 29**, for a luncheon and learning program at CPC. We will be discussing Wills (when to write or update, types of wills, formalizing the documents, protecting your family); legacy giving and foundations; and gifts in the present and the future for our congregation's missions.

Led by Rev. Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation, this program will be part of a weekend visioning outreach to help our congregation study, integrate, and support the ministries in our church family and our communities, whether in Redmond or beyond. Come be a part! A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex so we can make lunch plans for the caterer. See you there.

From your Endowment Team

#### **Music Ministries**

Karen Sipes, Director

Music Ministries

Raren Sipes, Director

The product of the choir and a rock star organist, and to Shelby O'Clair Snyder, who steps up to play on occasion as well, with a joyful spirit and mad skill.

Summer choir will be soon upon us. Many choir members take a hiatus in the summer, and we rely mornings! No choir robes required during the summer! Enjoy the changing season, and as always, contact and product of the choir of the proper of the choir of the proper of the proper of the proper of the summer. Enjoy the changing season, and as always, contact and spirit, and the summer hold the joy of our music ministries.

#### Finance Team Report

**Wow**, what a positive financial beginning to our new year at CPC! So many good things are happening in our church. Just as these early days of spring are beginning to show the crocuses and daffodils, these early days of a new spring at CPC are showing new birth in mission as well as new buds on some old growth when we are seeking to serve our Lord.

One positive surprise for the Finance Team has been the acceptance of online giving. Each month, several thousand dollars are being provided through our web site (thanks, Joe and Jim!) in support of various mission programs and the works of the General Fund. These folks simply find that the "Give Now" button is convenient to use and easy to set up. Just visit our web page (you do visit, don't you?) at www.redmondcpc.org. Each page has a "Give Now" button. Using this button gets you to the donation page where you can support any of our mission programs ("Other"), or the General Fund. Your gift can be one time only, or recurring monthly; it can be provided from your bank account or credit card, and is as secure as shopping at Walmart.

One confusion the Team has found. For those using online giving and choosing the last day of the month for payment, your gift will not be processed until the first of the following month. This has created difficulties in accounting for these gifts in a timely manner, and may affect your year-end tax report. If possible, please avoid, or change your giving date away from the last day of a month (maybe use the 27<sup>th</sup>?).

The Finance Team thanks you for your continuing support of all of the missions and ministries of our congregation!

#### **Children & Youth Ministries**

Interim Youth Coordinator Kelsey Stealey Cell: 541-604-1119 / Email: kelsey@redmondcpc.org

#### Easter Egg Hunt



Come join us on Easter for our children's Easter egg hunt. We will be meeting outside under the portico at 10:30 on

Easter, **April 1**. This event is open to children of all ages, though we will split up the older kids from the younger to make it more fun for everyone. Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs and candy for this event, we could not do it without you.

#### **Shoes For Kids!**



Our CPC Impact Project for the month of April is collecting shoes for the Shoes For Kids Project put on by the Family Access Network. Please support FAN by bringing in new shoes

for all sizes that will be given to children in need in the Redmond area. We will be dedicating them on April 22, at both services, and we could really use your help. If you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Stealey at kelsey@redmondcpc.org. Thank you for your support!

#### **Combined Youth Group**



On **April 9**, the CPC Youth are going rock climbing at the Bend Rock Gym. We will be leaving the church at **5:30 pm** and returning at **8:00 pm**. This is a great way to reach new students, so please bring

friends! Contact Kelsey Stealey if you have any questions.





#### Cookies and Coffee!

During the month of April, the children and youth are providing

cookies and fruit and veggies for our fellowship time. We will also be serving lattes during the fellowship time after the first service, so all of you coffee drinkers can come get some caffeine to help you through the day.



#### **Church School and Teen Talk**

Join us on Sunday mornings for children's church school with Miss Monica or Miss Carole, and Teen Talk with Miss Lorie. We have

children's church during both services, and Teen Talk from 9:15-10:00. Children that are not in school can go to the Nursery with Miss Claudia and Miss Kayley during both services.



### EARTH DAY WORD SEARCH

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## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH JOB POSTING PART-TIME CO-FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The church is seeking a volunteer for the position of co-financial secretary. Applicant must be computer literate, dependable, detail minded and a team player. This position also requires a high degree of confidentiality. Accurate record keeping is a necessity. This position interacts regularly with the Administrative Assistant and Church Treasurer.

#### Job Duties:

Recording of all pledges, donations and gifts including tracking and accounting for electronic gifts through on-line giving.

Receipt of all donations and gifts directed to the church.

Responsible for reconciling all donations to CPC every week and reconciliation with the Bank.

Attends Finance Committee and Stewardship meetings.

Provides reports to donors of their record of giving.

#### Please send email resume to:

nancy@redmondcpc.org



#### **March 20 Session Highlights**



- † Since our Lenten Soup Suppers were highly attended, each of our upcoming monthly Wednesday Night Suppers will now have spiritual content each month.
- †The team to hire a new Children & Youth Director has gotten some good resumes.
- \*Approved the Finance Team to find a co-Financial Secretary to partner with Kathi Hayward and fill in when Kathi is on vacation.
- †Learned that the Adult Ed Team has changed their name to "Lifelong Learners" Team.
- \* A team is coming together to work on a total church kitchen remodel, headed by Roland White.

#### **Alternative Gifts Reminder**

Do you know someone with an upcoming birthday or anniversary? Why not purchase them a alternative gift! These gifts bless the person to whom the gift is sent as well as those who benefit from these gifts.

If you would like to purchase a alternative gift certificate in any amount to benefit:

**Jericho Table –** which provides meals to those in need in our community of Redmond.

**African Mission Program** – for the Kisauni women's hygiene project and /or to feed the children of Kisauni Parrish.

Please contact Margo Menown at 541-350-5711, Mission Team member.

Wellness Ministries Mission Statement: To help the congregation attain, maintain, and/or regain the best possible health...Wellness of mind, body and spirit that can be experienced. This is realized through education, guidelines, screening and providing ongoing support.

Coordinator: Lois Millspaugh

#### **Advance Directives**

Dr. Steve Cross will be holding an informative class on understanding

Advance Directives, its terms, and how it applies to each of us. Come join us him Wednesday, April 18, from 6:00-7:00 p.m., in the Teddy's Hall. Medical Advance Directives are given to each of us when we enter the hospital for medical treatment and that is not always a time when you can clear your mind to fully understand all of the information given and how you will be treated. We will also be addressing an **Emergency Information Sheet** that Paramedics use when they come to your home. This is an item you can put on your refrigerator in case of an emergency so contact information will be available and your wishes will be understood if you cannot speak for yourself. A sign-up sheet is in narthex so please sign up to insure that enough booklets will be available for each person who attends the class.

#### **Healthy Cooking Class**

The next Healthy Cooking class led by Holly Hoeksema will be held on Tuesday, **April 3** from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at CPC. This class will feature Proteins (meat alternatives) that are incredibly healthy and high in protein. The class will be limited to 20 people and the cost will be \$5.00-10.00 per person (give as you are able). A sign-up sheet is in narthex of the church.

#### Alzheimer's Support Group

The Alzheimer's Support Group is a special program developed for those caring for loved ones with onset Alzheimer's. The group meets at the church on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. The workshop is open to everyone in the community so invite your friends and neighbors who are seeking information on this disabling disease and support.

#### Redmond Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Support Group meets monthly at CPC this month they will meet on Wednesday, **April 3**, at **1:00 pm**. This months topic is "What does support look like?" We will also be sharing monthly concerns and blessings!

#### Health Tip: Take a Stroll

Regular exercise is essential for managing type 2 diabetes. But it's not just the amount of exercise you get that's important says a

study published in October 2016. It's also when you exercise that can help keep the condition under control.

Researchers studied 41 people who had type 2 diabetes. Some were instructed to walk for 30 minutes a day all at once. The rest walked for 10 minutes after each meal. Those who walked after eating experienced a 22 percent greater deduction in post-meal glycemic levels than those who walked for 30 minutes at a stretch. Walking after dinner, which tends to be a carbohydrate-rich meal, provided the greatest benefit.

People with type 2 diabetes are more likely to have osteoarthritis than the general population, according to a recent study in the Journal of Diabetes and its complications. The researchers hypothesize that high blood sugar may increase the vulnerability of joints by leading to the formation of advanced glycation end products, or AGE, in cartilage, leading it to become stiffer and more brittle. – Health Central

#### **Blood Pressure Screenings**

Are you concerned that your Blood Pressure may be too elevated? <u>Free</u> Blood Pressure Screenings are available to all members and friends of our church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month in the Wellness Office. For the month of April CPC nurses will be available to take your blood pressure from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Remember, high blood pressure is a silent killer. Be proactive and see your health care provider if you have any concerns.

#### **Hospital Equipment Program**

The Wellness Team sponsors a Hospital Equipment Program that loans out equipment that you might need on your return home from the hospital. If you have a need for this type of equipment, please contact Lynda Talbot and she will be glad to work with you. We also accept donations of unused medical equipment, if it is in good condition. Thank you for your thoughtfulness





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#### Welcome New Members.....



#### **Carol Johnston**

What drew you to CPC?

Initially, the friendly people at the church. They were always very welcoming and helpful. Andrew clinched the deal. I Enjoyed his preaching and the energy that he brought to the congregation. At my former church in Portland, we had a young ministry staff and Andrew

reminded me of them.

Where are you from?

I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. The traffic drove me out. What once took 20 minutes, now took I  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours for a commute.

What are your Hobbies and Interests?

I love gardening and cooking. I enjoy being in the outdoors on hikes with my dog or riding my bike.

What is your vocation?

My role as a customer service rep for a software company in Vermont, allows me to help our customers better utilize our system to better manage their business. I love showing people who are afraid of computers the advantage that they can bring to their day-to-day work lives.



Holly Hoeksema

What drew you to CPC?
My husband becoming the pastor here!

Where are you from?

I am from Santa Cruz, CA for most of my adult life, but moved here from Chico, CA.

What are your Hobbies and Interests?

I enjoy cooking, health/nutrition, and activities outdoors.

What is your vocation?

Teambuilding and Leadership Consultant (<u>www.igniteconsultingusa.com</u>)



Rita Phillips

What drew you to CPC?

Evelyn Leavitt invited me when she started coming.

Where are you from?

I am from West Lafayette, Indiana.

What are your Hobbies and Interests?

I enjoy sewing, quilting, painting and making fancy birthday cakes.

What is your vocation?

I was a stay at home mom for five children, and worked part time at a fabric store and ice cream parlor.

#### Welcome New Members.....



#### **Truman and Hannah Grandey**

What drew you to CPC?

CPC was recommended to us by a Gresham friend of the Nelson's here, and we were delighted that you are a half a block from our new home.

Where are you from?

Truman is from a dairy farm in Wolcott, Vermont and Hannah is from

Gresham, Portland before that and grew up in Astoria.

What are your Hobbies and Interests?

Truman says his interests are exploring Central Oregon, reading history and playing doubles tennis. Hannah enjoys acting, singing, clowning, art, Ayurveda and Truman.

What is your vocation? Hannah is a retired medical assistant.



#### **Elaine Johnston**

What drew you to CPC?

I have lived in Redmond for 3 years and visited different churches. I felt at home whenever I was at CPC. The people are very friendly, welcoming and helpful. Pastor Andrew is very personable and an asset to CPC.

Where are you from?

I used to live in southern California

What are your Hobbies and Interests?

I enjoy baking/cooking, sewing, quilting, reading, being outdoors and gardening.





CPC has been supporting coffee growers around the world by making their products available at fairly-traded wholesale prices.

A few years ago Don and Linda Shaw, CPC members, visited a coffee grower in Nicaragua who is supported by the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Because he participates in a farmer cooperative, he is able to grow and sell his coffee directly to Equal Exchange, which processes, packages, promotes and sells his coffee to churches, other groups, and individuals by the case. The farmer proudly showed the Shaws the new floor of his house. Prior to his participation in the Presbyterian Coffee Project, he was unable to afford a floor.

CPC offers Presbyterian Coffee Project coffees and teas by the case. The orders are placed quarterly. The next order will be placed at the end of April. In order to avoid shipping costs all orders are required to have at least 4 cases. Parishioners may split cases if they desire.

To view the list of products available you can go to the website at; <a href="shop.equalexchange.coop">shop.equalexchange.coop</a> If you would like to purchase a product, please contact Gloria Irwin or Luann Johnson before April 30.

Gloria Irwin 541-678-8005 gjwin I@gmail.com. Luann Johnson at 541-548-6798 LRockyJohn@msn.com



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#### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



4/14 Don & Linda Shaw

### APRIL Deacon of the Month

Karen Rooney

#### **Stewardship Corner**

Update on Giving and Expenses Year to Date

February	2017	2018
Pledge offering	20,848	27,240
Non pledge offering	2,703	5,589
Loose offering	539	592
Other income	1,226	1,492
Total income	25,316	34,957
Total expense	30,873	32,311
Net income	-5,557	+2,646

#### **May Newsletter Deadline**

The next Lamplighter news deadline is Thursday, April 19. Articles turned in after the deadline may not be published and all articles are subject to editing. Whenever possible, announcements and articles for publication should be sent via email to:

tammy@redmondcpc.org
You will receive a reply letting
you know your contribution was
received.

#### **CPC Singles Night Out**



CPC singles are invited on April 19 at 5:00 pm to meet at Okawa Steakhouse &

**Sushi** 1180 SE 3rd Street in Bend, for a no-host meal. This is a great time to get to know others from CPC better. Please use the sign-up sheet in the church narthex if you would like to join the group for dinner.

#### CPC Gives Thanks to...

... Lynda Talbot for volunteering in the office during our staff meetings and during Tammy's vacation



....Lynn Hodecker for helping in the office, and for helping to edit the lamplighter.

...our chaperones and adult volunteers that continually support and give of their time to minister to the children and youth of CPC.

... Bob and Ginny Weeber for taking our youth snow shoeing in the month of March, everyone had a fantastic time.

... Lynda Talbot, Don Shaw and Daniel Stealey for being adult chaperones during youth group.



We thank our church family for all the calls, cards and hugs during our time of grief. We are so blessed to be a part of this church and love each one of you.

Thank you, Jackie and Jerry Volf I want to thank all of my CPC family for the support I have received in the past weeks since my son Greg passed from this world. This thank you comes from my son, Steve, my husband, Ron and my daughter-in-law, Diane.

I am not the writer that my son is, so you have to bear with me.

Sharon and Fred Effinger and the Deacons did a wonderful job with the setting up and the reception so a big thank you to all of them. I want to thank my good friend Marge Biggers for the beautiful music and her loving support through all of this and last but not least a big thank you to Pastor Andrew and the office staff. I truly feel that God sent Pastor Andrew to our church and I feel so blessed to have him at this time. Thanks for all of the cards and flowers. I know the hole in my heart will get better with time but right now I can only feel the sorrow.

A big note of gratitude and God's Blessings to all of

Geri Gunderson & family.



#### **Quilter's Quips**

As always the quilters have been busy. We have 27 new quilts in the closet and have distributed 36 Cancer pillows.

Currently we are making quillows for our graduating high school seniors, fleece throws for the dialysis center, and forms for the chemo pillows.

We meet every Thursday from 10:00 to 3:00 in Teddy's Hall. We have

lunch at noon followed by Sew and Tell and then more sewing. We have dessert and a meeting after lunch on the first Thursday of each month. It is a great way to be involved with a church mission and to be in fellowship with others. We have many projects going on so feel free to come join in the fun.



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#### **Notes from a Special Presbytery Meeting**

Presbytery met at the Central Church, Eugene, February 23-24 to consider an action that was to be presented by the Committee of Representation (COR).\*\* Manny Man-gyu Hur, chair of COR, did not believe that an adequate search was made for candidates among selected minority groups. Book of Order (G-3.0103) reads: "The councils of the church shall give full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership and shall provide for full participation and access to representation in decision-making and employment practices." Thus, COR advises and consults the presbytery on employment of personnel to help it live up to the Book of Order mandate.

Presbytery was opened with prayer. The Advocate for Congregations and Clergy Nominating Committee (ACCNC) was introduced and entered the call of Rev. Clark Scalera as the Advocate for Congregations and Clergy (ACC). The co-chair of ACCNC, Ann Bowersox, described the process the committee went through to select Scalera.

COR gave a PowerPoint presentation describing a number of deficiencies in the report of the ACCNC. There followed an extensive discussion from the floor by the members of Presbytery asking questions of both committees for clarification of the issue which went on for an hour or so.

And then, the stage was set. COR presented the motion which was seconded to keep the candidate but continue the search to find a person from a more diverse candidate pool. Jeffrey Siebert, pastor at Reedsville, jumped to his feet to offer a substitute motion to instruct the Presbytery Leadership Commission to form a committee to address concerns from the COR report for future staff searches and proceed to the election of the Reverend Scalera on Saturday. The fat was in the fire. A long discussion ensued as to whether it was a substitute motion or an original motion which would be out of order. The substitute motion was finally accepted as the main motion. Another long period of discussion ensued.

The vote was taken and the motion passed. (The vote was 48 ayes 28 nays. Some people heard Manny's concern.) The new main motion passed handily. We finally adjourned.

On Saturday morning Presbytery gathered to meet the candidate for ACC, Clark Scalera, and get some background information. Before entering seminary, he spent a year serving alongside Presbyterian missionaries in Haiti on an education and reforestation initiative. He attended Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia where he received a Masters of Divinity and was ordained in 2008.

Scalera is married to the Rev. Carmen Goetschius, and together they have one daughter who is two-and-a-half years old. The couple are also expecting another daughter in March and ae grateful to be settling in to the Pacific Northwest.

Presbytery then begin examining Scalera about his faith journey before there was a vote taken to accept his ministry.

Scalera stated; "My hope is that as Advocate for Clergy and Congregations, I would have the opportunity to walk alongside pastors and communities of faith that make up this Presbytery, being present at moments of celebration, transition and grief, encouraging hard and faithful labor and sharing in our hope that God is working in and through us for the redemption of the world."

Clark looks forward to networking, encouraging, and partnering with the pastors and congregations of this Presbytery as we mutually live out Christ's call to mission and ministry in this region.

**Bruce & Nancy Smith** 

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